In The Specification:

Pages 4-5, replace the paragraph bridging these pages, page 4, last six (6) lines, page 5, lines 1-5, with a new paragraph as follows:

-- These and other objects of the present invention, which will become apparent hereinafter, are achieved by providing a shank having at least two, axially spaced, guide regions, at least one radially projecting entrain strip, and at least one locking groove arranged between the at least two guide regions and axially closed at its opposite ends for receiving at least one radially displaceable and axially displaceable, within predetermined limits, locking member of a chuck. At least one of the at least two guide regions has a guide dimension that is smaller than a cross-sectional width of ~~smaller than~~ an axial region of the locking groove that also includes radial extent of the entrain strip, and greater than a thickness of the axial region measured in a direction transverse to the width measurement direction. -- .

Pages 13-14, replace the paragraph bridging these pages, page 13, five (5) lines, page 14, lines 1-11, with a new paragraph as follows:

-- A shank according to the present invention, which is shown in Figs. A1, 1b, and 1c has at least two, axially spaced, guide regions 1a, 1b substantially

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concentric with respect to the tool longitudinal axis L, two diametrically opposite, radially projecting, entrain strips 2, and two, diametrically opposite, axially closed locking grooves 3 having the same length and located between the opposite guide regions 1a, 1b. The locking grooves 3 are arranged transversely of the entrain strips 2. The locking grooves 3 are designed for receiving a radially displaceable locking member 4 of a chuck 8 which is shown with dash lines and has axially spaced, inner guide surfaces and rotation transmitting means 5. The locking member 4 is also axially displaceable within predetermined limits. The guide regions 1a, 1b have a radial dimension F. The axial region A of the locking grooves 3 has a cross-sectional width B, including both entrain strips 2, and a thickness D in the direction perpendicular to the width-measurement direction. The relationship between the dimensions F, B and D is as follows: - - .

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